

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-30 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsuoka (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,261).

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include forward scaling processing and backward scaling processing to perform cubic convolution interpolation on the original image data. Support for these amendments may be found in at least claims 2 and 27.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 2-10 and 12-30 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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